

local gas station, where he ran the projector, operated the grill, and pumped the gas. At a young age, Doc Howard seemed to firmly grasp the simple but often elusive concept of saving money in order to make money. This economic axiom has stuck with him ever since his days of flipping burgers and pumping gas.

In the early 1970s, Howard, with the help of several business partners, opened a printing business and so began his career as an entrepreneur for Marion County. Since then, Doc has been fiscally involved in all of the following industries: entertainment, carpentry, real-estate, lumber, agriculture, produce, retail and restaurant. He has owned drive-ins, built houses, sold houses, owned grocery stores and delis, and even found time to become a farmer. Currently, Doc is attempting to build on his previous successes and bring even greater economic opportunities to the residents of Marion County. He recently bought the Lincoln Heritage Shopping Center, which now includes Sears, Dollar General, Central Kentucky Staffing, an Italian restaurant, a physical therapist, and a tobacco store. The people of Marion County will definitely benefit from these quality additions. Since the early 1970s, Doc Howard has diligently committed his efforts to making Lebanon/Marion County a more attractive place to do business. He deserves our praise for being a pillar of capitalism.

I congratulate Mr. Howard on his award and thank him for investing his time and money into the future of Marion County.●

#### TRIBUTE TO NEW NATIONAL FARMERS UNION PRESIDENT DAVE FREDERICKSON

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Dave Frederickson as the recently elected National Farmers Union, NFU, president. During the National Farmers Union 100th anniversary convention, delegates chose a true leader for their future in Mr. Frederickson. Family farmers and ranchers across America can rest assured that Dave will continue his commitment to them in his new role.

Dave brings 11 years of experience as the Minnesota Farmers Union, MFU, president to his new post. Not only is Dave committed to sustain family farmers and ranchers, he also holds the education of youth to a high standard. After graduating from St. Cloud State University with a degree in education, Dave spent 8 years teaching special education children. The Farmers Union philosophy regards education as one of their three most important principles. Having a leader with Dave's background and experience, the national organization is sure to continue its legacy of teaching our youth.

From 1986 to 1992, Dave served as a State senator in the Minnesota legislature. During this period, he served on a

number of committees, including the rural development committee, the education committee, and the governmental operations committee. Because of Dave's commitment to rural development and legislation that he supported, the ethanol industry has become a primary rural development tool in Minnesota. Dave continued his commitment to rebuilding and strengthening rural communities while president of MFU. The experience that he brings to the table can only ensure that one of the most effective general farm organizations in America is in good hands.

Dave has made his first priority as president of NFU to see a good farm bill passed out of conference committee. He said, "Farmers Union has worked hard throughout the House and Senate farm bill process, and we have much more work ahead of us, let's go back to Washington and work for a farm bill so that when you go back into your fields, you will know what kind of support you have behind you."

I look forward to working with Dave on issues that not only affect South Dakota, but the entire fabric of rural America. The members of Farmers Union elected a true public servant, a leader with integrity, vision, and commitment. Again, congratulations to Dave Frederickson on his accomplishments of the past, and his commitment to the future of rural America in his new role as National Farmers Union president.●

#### THE DEATH OF LT. COL. HENRY "HANK" BARROWS, USAF, RET.

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great American patriot, Hank Barrows. Hank passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 11 at his home in Washington, DC. My deepest sympathies go out to his wife, Suzanne, and his sons, Geoffrey and Brian.

Born in Bremerhaven, Germany on September 9, 1946, Hank emigrated with his family to the United States in 1960, settling in Westfield, NJ. Following his graduation from Westfield High School, Hank was accepted by Rutgers University, where he graduated in 1964 with a bachelors of arts degree in German.

Trained as a navigator following his graduation from Air Force Officers Candidate School, OCS, in 1969, Hank served two tours in Vietnam. In his first tour, Hank served as a EWO on a C-130 gunship and the second as a B-52 EWO during the Linebacker II Operations over North Vietnam. It was on December 19, 1972, during one of the Linebacker missions, that Hank was shot down and taken prisoner by the North Vietnamese. Hank was held prisoner in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" until his release on March 29, 1973. After being released by the Vietnamese, he was assigned to the 343rd Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base as an Electronic

Intelligence intercept officer on the RC-135s.

His next assignment was to the 7575 Operations Group Operating Location A Support Squadron stationed at Rhein Main Air Force Base, Frankfurt, Germany flying in and out of Berlin as part of the freedom of the corridors mission. In recognition of his superior performance and expertise, Hank was reassigned in 1979 to United States Air Force-Europe, USAFE, headquarters in the office that managed airborne operations.

Hank returned to the U.S. in 1982 working in the Air Staff Intelligence Directorate in the Pentagon. He spent the last seven years of his distinguished Air Force career in the Defense Support Project Office. He finished that assignment as the Deputy Director for Airborne Reconnaissance.

Upon his retirement in 1992, Hank joined MRJ as a key member of the Mariner Support team. As a result of his superior performance on that team, he became the program manager for the Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office, DARO, support contract. Having successfully managed that contract, Hank was promoted to the position of Division Manager. After the reorganization of MRJ, Hank was put in charge of the Development Systems Division, which later became the Development Systems Group when Veridian acquired MRJ. Hank's group consistently exceed their business goals each year.

In 2000, Hank received the Veridian Leadership Award. In nominating Hank for this award, he was cited for "... accepting and tackling difficult and challenging business opportunities, his unique talent, his contagious enthusiasm and a belief that winning is for those willing to give their best." He was also cited for his "... knack of finding and recruiting the best-qualified people for the planned growth of his division." In addition, he was recognized for ensuring that his team was kept well-informed, equipped with the right tools to do their jobs, and encouraging each individual to inject initiative and promote professional growth while increasing customer support.

Hank will be remembered in many ways by those who came to know him. We will remember Hank as an exemplary role model with vision, passion, and loyalty.●

#### NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

The following nominations were discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pension pursuant to the order of March 5, 2002:

##### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Don V. Cogman, of Connecticut, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.

Katharine DeWitt, of Ohio, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.

Teresa Lozano Long, of Texas, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.